

Minutes of Trawsgoed Community Council held at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn Primary School on Monday 27th June, 2016 am 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Cllr. Sh Edwards (Chairman)

Cllr. T.A.G. Davies

Cllr. E. Lewis

Cllr. L.L. Owen

Cllr. H.M. Evans

Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan

Cllr. R. Jones

Cllr. B. Jenkins

Cllr. J.J. Powell

Apologies: Cllr. A. Evans, Cllr. J. George

Personal Matters

There were no personal matters to report.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes were confirmed and accepted as a true account of the meeting held on 16th May, 2016. Cllr. C. Lloyd-Morgan proposed that the minutes were correct and this was seconded by Cllr. E. Lewis.

Matters arising from the minutes

Risk Assessment and Assets

There were no matters to report.

Sewerage System at Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn

An update was received from officers of Ceredigion County Council that some work is being undertaken by homeowners to try to solve the problem of the smell of sewerage but that there remain two properties still to be tested by the County Council. It was agreed that the Clerk make further contact with the County Council to persevere with the properties that still need testing and to enquire about the situation regarding specific houses within the village.

Action: The Clerk to contact the County Council asking for further information on specific properties.

Trees on the B4340 Llechwedd Dyrys

No further information to report and it was acknowledged that Community Councillors had done as much as they could to ensure public safety and that all they could do now was to monitor the situation.

Broadband within the Area

No further details had been received regarding the timetable when improvements are to be expected of the service within the area. The Clerk to make contact with BT for further information.

Matters requiring attention by the County Council

Water by New Cross

Confirmation was received from an officer of the County Council that funding had been secured for a drainage system on the C1052 road opposite the New Cross Inn. It is anticipated that this improvement will alleviate the problem of flooding experienced at this location. It was agreed to continue to keep the item on the agenda of the Community Council meetings.

Ditch from Brenan to Llwynbrain

The problem persists.

Action: The Clerk to contact the County Council as a matter of urgency noting that the situation is getting worse.

Website

The Clerk to make contact with Nigel Callaghan.

Dolgwybedig Hill

Reference was made to recent correspondence from the County Council confirming that an investigation of the road had been undertaken and that some shortcoming work had been prioritized and added to the County Council's work program. This section of road will also be included in the road surfacing work for 2017/18.

The item to continue on the Community Council agenda.

Ffordd Uchaf Llanafan

Cllr L. Owen reported that work is in progress at the said location.

Street Light opposite the Old Chapel, New Cross

Confirmation was received from the County Council that a new light had been ordered for the site and the repair work had been prioritized as a matter of urgency. The correspondence referred that the light had needed to be replaced for the second time and if it needs replacing in the near future the County Council will be considering relocating the lamp.

Maes y Felin, Llanafan

No update to report. The Clerk to make contact with Tai Ceredigion and relevant Police Officer.

Salt Bin, Cnwch Coch

Confirmation was received by Ceredigion County Council that the broken salt bin will be replaced at Cnwch Coch during October.

Financial Matters

2015/16 Accounts

The Clerk reported that Gwyn Evans had completed the 2015/16 accounts as Internal Auditor on behalf of the Community Council and that the accounts would now be passed to the External Auditor, Grant Thornton. On 31 March 2016 there was £6,567.59 within the Community Council bank accounts with £4,554.20 in the Current Account; £27.68 in the Community Playground account and £1,985.71 in the saving account. It was agreed to pay Mr. Gwyn Evans £35.00 for the work. The payment was proposed by Cllr. E. Lewis and seconded by Cllr. H. Evans.

The Clerk noted that the log-book for the accounts has become full and a new book is required. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk could order a new book.

Maesyfelin Playing Fields Association

A letter from the secretary of the Maesyfelin Playing Field Association was received noting appreciation of the recent donation of £500 towards running costs of the Playing Fields.

Welsh Water and connection with Sewerage System within Llanafan

Work is continuing on site and local councillors made reference that the workmen had been extremely considerate of local residents during this time. They pointed out that during recent elections the road was closed at Llanafan but the workmen recognized that this was inconvenient for residents to voice their vote and therefore they reorganized their program of work for those days to ensure that the road would be partially open on the day, thus enabling residents to reach the election booth without having to travel the alternative route.

Responses were received from the Environment Agency to enquiries and concern regarding connecting two properties to the Sewerage system at Llanafan. One property being 'duty property' and the other a 'non-duty property'. With regard to the 'non-duty property' this will not be a problem in terms of connecting but with the 'duty property' there is no compulsion to connect but if problems emerge in terms of sewerage system in the future the cost of connecting will be dramatically more than it is now.

Drain near Brynhyfryd, Llanfihangel y Creuddyn

Work on the drain has been completed, which is much appreciated by members, however long it took the County Council to act in the first place.

Consultation on various proposed changes to speed limits on County Roads in Ceredigion

Responses were received from an officer within Ceredigion County Council informing that it was not feasible to put a speed limit sign at the top of the Sarnau hill as suggested by the Community Council, because it was too far from the border of Llanfihangel-y-Creuddyn village. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Clerk responds to the Officer maintaining the view that it would be better to have the signage at the top of the hill where there is ample room. The Clerk to enquire what was the purpose of consulting with members of the Community Councils in the first place and then open consultation to local residents if the County Council were not going to take the local comments into account when making a decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

Communication was received from the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) Ceredigion branch asking for funding from the Community Council. After discussion it was proposed and agreed to accept the letter but not to contribute this time.

Pro Forma Bus Shelters & Infrastructure

Correspondence received from Ceredigion County Council informing that the County Council is undertaking a review of bus infrastructure across Ceredigion and asking for assistance from the Community Council to complete the information form to identify shelter and bus stops within the area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The black and white roadside poles opposite Tafarn y Gors, New Cross, near the bus stop needs to be renewed. These poles had been placed at the location some years ago to ensure the safety of children and adults when using the bus stop. By now the poles have disappeared and vehicles have tended to park on the green area by the bus stop pole and on the junction entrance of the C1052 endangering public safety.

At the same entrance trees need to be trimmed back opposite Tafarn y Gors which impede on visibility when joining with the road.

Reference was made that Bryan Thomas, an Officer of the County Council had made emergency arrangements to fell trees near the entrance road near Cwmseiri where trees had impaired visibility when joining the A4120. Community Councillors appreciated the urgent action taken by Mr. Thomas.

Cutting of Hedges

Discussion took place on the lack of hedge cutting within Trawsgoed Community Council area but it had been noticed that hedges had been cut in neighbouring community council areas. The Clerk and the local member to contact Ceredigion County Council to highlight the need for urgent hedge cutting within this Community, especially on roads where buses travel.

Drains

The need to alert the County Council to a large number of blocked drains in the area including the following which require urgent attention:

Drain near Cwmseiri overflowing but has also sunk into the road.

Grid has come away from a Culvert in Cwm Rhydyfelin leaving a hole in the road.

Date of next meeting

Next meeting is to be held on Monday 5th September, 2016 at 7.30 p.m. at Lisburne Hall Llanafan.